

Menominee County
Parks and Recreation Committee
March 12, 2008
Minutes

Members Present: Judy Bright, Greg Furmanski, Bill Kakuk, Jason Lauzer, Michael Lyons, and Vola Bleile. Members absent: Mark Aubert and Tina Lesperance. Also in attendance: Steve Wery, Parks Superintendent.

Temporary Chairman Mike Lyons called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

Motion to approve agenda by Greg Furmanski, second by Vola Bleile. Motion carried.

Motion to approve September 12, 2007 minutes as presented by Vola Bleile, second by Greg Furmanski. Motion carried.

There was no public comment.

Mark Aubert was nominated for Chairperson for 2008. Motion by Judy Bright and second by Vola Bleile to close nominations and cast unanimous vote for Mark Aubert. Motion carried.

Greg Furmanski nominated Bill Kakuk for Vice Chairperson. Motion by Greg Furmanski and second by Vola Bleile to close nominations and cast unanimous ballot for Bill Kakuk. Motion carried.

Bill Kakuk nominated Judy Bright for Secretary. Motion by Bill Kakuk and second by Greg Furmanski to close nominations and cast unanimous ballot for Judy Bright. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Bill Kakuk and seconded by Vola Bleile to have meetings on the second Wednesday of each month at 6:00 pm, with meeting locations to be identified by Superintendent Wery. Locations to include West Shore, Shakey Lakes, Menominee, and Stephenson. Motion carried.

Parks Superintendent Steve Wery reported that he was disappointed that a second grant request for the shower building at Shakey Lakes was also denied. He noted that the DNR appears to be favorable to boardwalks, deer yards, trails, etc. Because the total project approximates \$230,000 and the county has set aside only \$60-80,000 so far, the project cannot be initiated until additional funding or grant opportunities are available.

Superintendent Wery updated the committee on the concession stand at Shakey Lakes. There are possible health department requirements that might impact the current

wastewater holding system. It is expected that the new concession operators will be successful. They will also be selling ice at a price lower than the park office. The committee will discuss this item further at its April meeting.

The committee reviewed the Budget Report. Superintendent Wery advised that all 47 lease sites at Shakey Lakes are full for this season, and there are 73 on the waiting list. Likewise, Kleinke Park is experiencing near capacity on leased sites, with the maximum 10 sites already reserved for July. Discussion continued on site availability and reservation methods.

The Superintendent gave his report:

1. They are adding 30 more maple trees and a few more red pines at Shakey Lakes. Current ones are doing well.
2. There was snowmobile activity at Shakey Lakes that destroyed about 15 small pines.
3. Picnic tables have been stained and garbage cans repainted at Shakey Lakes.
4. The mower has been serviced and replacement parts (blades, belts, etc.) are in stock.
5. Reminded the committee that, based on previous committee action, a recommendation needed to go to the County Board requesting approval to collect a \$100 deposit from those groups using the horse arena and horse trailer parking area to encourage them to restore the grounds to the condition found upon arrival, including manure removal and replacing/filling disturbed soil. The deposit would be returned if the users comply.

Motion to adjourn by Bill Kakuk and second by Vola Bleile at 7:00 pm. Motion carried.

Judy Bright
Secretary
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